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GO SERV GRANTS MORE THAN \$30 MILLION FOR AMERICORPS IN CALIFORNIA

More than \$5 million for Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties

SACRAMENTO--Chuck J. Supple, Executive Director for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) today announced more than \$30 million in AmeriCorps funding for California, which includes \$5,419,347 in grants that will support more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members serving in Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange counties.

"AmeriCorps members serving in the greater Los Angeles area will join a force of some 6,000 strong to tackle tough issues in communities throughout California," said Mr. Supple. AmeriCorps members will tutor and mentor students in afterschool programs, work to preserve California's natural resources through habitat restoration, and meet other critical community needs.

Some of the programs supported by the GO SERV grant in the Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange county areas include:

Building Up Los Angeles **\$1,122,750**

191 AmeriCorps members will serve as tutors, mentors, and club leaders in afterschool programs for low achieving middle and elementary students in economically depressed areas of Los Angeles.

California Collaboration for Homeless Veterans **\$543,933**

42 AmeriCorps members will provide homeless individuals, primarily veterans, with information about local resources to help them reintegrate into their communities.

Tell Me a Story **\$395,454**

76 AmeriCorps members will engage children in literacy activities through creative reading and writing programs.

BruinCorps **\$368,940**

200 AmeriCorps members will tutor and mentor 1,000 students in elementary and middle school who score below the 25th percentile on the SAT 9 achievement test.

Anaheim Achieves **\$297,330**

136 members will serve to improve academic performance of K-6 students with limited English proficiency.

Compton Community College Medi-Cal **\$110,840**

20 part-time AmeriCorps members will develop a multilingual/multimedia outreach campaign, which will include the distribution of 10,000 posters/flyers.

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AmeriCorps Grossmont College**\$266,400**

118 members will serve in the eastern part of San Diego county, an impoverished, multi-lingual area where a majority of children perform below grade level. Members will provide fifteen hours per week of reading and math tutoring to over 1,000 K-8 students.

Project REACH/APPLE**\$297,330**

136 members will who tutor elementary school students to help develop reading skills. While the project's primary concern will be to increase academic performance, Project REACH also strives to reduce the state's teacher shortage by recruiting local college students to work with students in schools.

MotherNet LA**\$147,750**

10 members will serve in Compton and South Central Los Angeles to inform community members about health care options to increase enrollment in the Healthy Families program.

Public Allies**\$334,250**

35 members will serve in a number of capacities to meet community needs, such as mentoring troubled youth, providing parenting education, and teaching drug and alcohol prevention.

BruinCorps**\$368,940**

218 members will provide mentoring and tutoring services to elementary and middle school students who score below the 25th percentile on standardized academic tests.

In addition to local AmeriCorps grants, GO SERV will grant \$10 million to 13 statewide programs operating in multiple counties, programs such as the California Community Colleges' Teacher and Reading Development Partnership program that cultivates California's next generation of teachers, the California Alliance for Prevention, a program whose members provide services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect, and AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails, the focal point for which is the restoration and repair of California's pristine natural resources.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) funds national service commissions throughout the country. CNCS supports three different kinds of national service: AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve. GO SERV, California's national service commission, is responsible for the administration and oversight of California's AmeriCorps programs.

AmeriCorps, otherwise known as the domestic Peace Corps, was established in 1993 and provides young Americans with the opportunity to serve their communities in exchange for an educational award up to \$4,725 for 1,700 hours of community service.

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